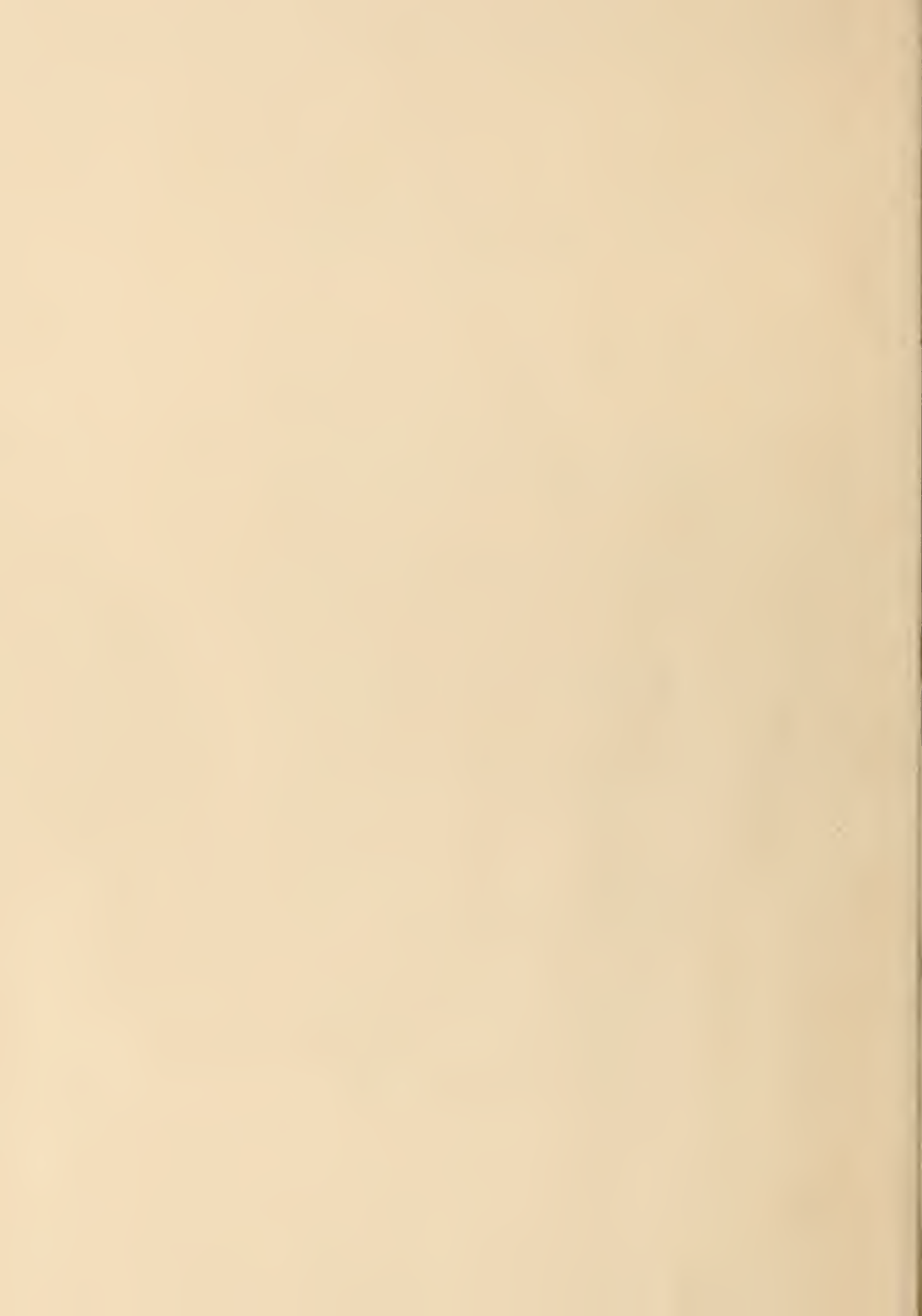
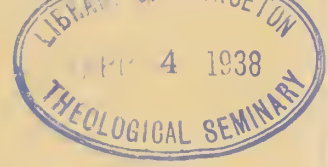


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Editorial of the Month

Charity and Prayer

IT is now fully realized by thoughtful Christians everywhere that one of the most urgent calls for Christian charity comes from the distressed people of China. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America was instrumental in having the Red Cross issue an appeal for these suffering people. At a recent meeting of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Dr. John R. Mott, who knows world situations as well as any living man, said that in his opinion the present situation of the people of China constituted the major manifestation of human suffering in the world's history. Never before, he said, had there been such intense suffering on such a colossal scale. He said that as head of the Y.M.C.A. he had visited all the major battle fronts of Europe both before and during our participation in the World War, and that in all that time he had seen no suffering which would compare in magnitude with the suffering of China at the present time.

Millions of innocent people, men, women and children, through no fault of their own, are suffering from hunger and cold and wounds without warm clothing and shelter and medical aid. And the American people seem to be indifferent. There has been no adequate response to the Red Cross appeal, either in the United States or in Canada. Both the State Department and the Red Cross in the United States are greatly disturbed over this fact. It ought to be even more disturbing to the Christian people of America. The reality of our religion is challenged. We cannot continue to tell the Chinese people of Christian love, if in such a time as this we do nothing to manifest that love in the presence of such colossal need. The efficacy of our mission is threatened, not so much by military or political opposition, as by our own failure to prove the reality of our good-will. The appeal for aid in China is not for the sake of our missions—that would be selfishness—but simply in Christ's name to relieve the starving, homeless, suffering Chinese people who need our help. Never have Christian missionaries had such a marvelous opportunity of exhibiting the practice of the Gospel they preach. They are there in our stead; let us help them.

Dr. Paul V. Taylor, of Central China College in Wuchang, in the Hankow area where

much of this distress is concentrated at the present time, says in a recent letter, "All the Christian college and high school campuses are at present filled with refugees. These are some of the people who have been driven out of their homes in the war area, and many of them were once well-to-do. Some of them have walked four or five hundred miles, and have nothing left except the skimpy, worn-out clothing which they wear. They are even without bedding, and naturally suffering from the results of over-exposure and under-nourishment. The Red Cross allows us four cents a day per person to feed them. All other expenses we must provide for in some other way. But the lot of these people is fortunate when compared with the thousands who are wandering around the country without so much as the shelter of a roof or shoes on their feet or even one decent meal a day."

I am very happy to report that offerings are being received by the Board of Foreign Missions every day for the relief of the suffering in China. As soon as these gifts amount to a sizable sum, the money is cabled to our Mission, and is then used by our missionaries in hospital and refugee work. Our members are thus assured of the fact that their offerings go straight to the place they are needed and are dispensed by our own missionary representatives. Gifts may be contributed either to your local Red Cross or sent to the Board of Foreign Missions.

At a recent meeting of the Committee on the Far East of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, which consists of secretaries of mission boards having work in China, the following action was taken:

"That we recommend to the mission boards and churches that Passion Sunday, April 3rd, be designated for united prayer for the Far East."

If Passion Sunday represents our remembrance of the sufferings of Jesus, and if His sufferings were, as He said, identified with the sufferings of humanity, then certainly Passion Sunday should be a day of prayer for the innocent victims of war, and for peace on earth and good-will toward men in the Far East.

A. V. CASSELMAN.

The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

Consecrate yourselves to the Lord, that He may bestow upon you a blessing.
—EXODUS 32:29

For he that keepeth himself subject, in such sort that his sensual affections be obedient to reason, and his reason in all things obedient to Me; that person is truly conqueror of himself, and lord of the world.

—THOMAS A KEMPIS.

Keep, therefore, within the centre and stir not from the presence of God revealed within thy soul.

—JACOB BOEHME.

Love sweeps the cold away
And frees the soul from pain.
And we can laugh and pray,
For spring has come again!

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease?
Fluttering the rose leaves, scattered by the breeze?
Come, rouse thee! Work while it is called today.
Coward, arise! Go forth upon thy way.

—ALMA CALDER.

Let me be big in little things,
Grant me the joy which friendship brings,
Keep me from selfishness and spite,
Let me be wise in what is right.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

The preservation of Christianity and Christian society and Christian values is the chief issue before us now. Surely for that, nothing less than a united spiritual front, and a united spiritual advance, right across the world will suffice.

—SAMUEL M. SHOEMAKER.

The greatest need society has today is for goodwill that comes out of religion, which is life at its highest. That spirit of creative goodwill cannot be maintained if we are trying to kill our fellowmen in war.

—FRANK OLMSTED.

We cannot change the world by changing systems; we can only change it by changing lives.

—RUFUS M. JONES.

“He spoke of grass and wind and rain,
And fig trees and fair weather,
And made it His delight to bring
Heaven and earth together.”

The world today is dominated by leaders who are experts in the psychology of the crowd and who have mobilized great multitudes of people by an appeal to the most primitive qualities of the mob.

—ELMORE M. MCKEE.

Countless Christians of all denominations are convinced that this earthly life is but a spiritual preparation for the life to come.

—BERTRAND WEAVER.

The “higher education” which qualifies one for largest service is that which is obtained only in the school of Christ.

—WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

Some things we do to make a living; others we do, in a larger way, to make a life.

—JOHN KING BENEDICT.

“Clara Barton showed the world that almost every year humanity somewhere suffers a disaster that deserves the aid of man in brotherhood.”

As men live exclusively, as they are unwilling to aid each other to share in a common task, they are not true to themselves or to God.

—RAYMOND C. KNOX.

“I need wide spaces in my heart,
Where faith and I can go apart
And grow serene.
Life gets so choked by busy living,
Kindness so lost in fussy giving,
That love slips by unseen.”

Man never before had such a civilization to use; therefore man never so desperately needed a spiritual life to use it.

—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

The Prayer

OUR Father—we are all seeking peace and happiness—help us to realize that “happiness is to be found only in the bosom of God. It is the peace that comes from union with Christ.” AMEN.

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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

One Bandit Less

By Hyla S. WATERS, M.D., *Wuhu, China*

HE came into the hospital as a casualty after a bandit raid. None of us seeing his cruel face had any doubt that he had been on the wrong side of the fray. A slashing blow had sliced away the side of his head so that his brain was partly exposed, while some of his skull and part of an ear, hung down on his shoulder. While we cleansed the wound and replaced and sutured the flap, we discussed the man. "He won't live, and so there will be one bandit less in the Yangtze Valley, and a good thing too!" For our hearts were sick with the suffering of those who had come to us burned and broken and tortured at the hands of that group.

Yet our duty is to save life, and day by day we worked with this silent, hard-faced man, used to inflicting pain and stoical in bearing it himself. After weeks of effort we saw to our amazement that he was going to recover.

"Congratulations!" we told him. "When you came in, we thought you would surely die, but you are getting well instead." Yet no flicker of pleasure lighted his face. He looked up with weary eyes and made no reply. So we tried again. "Aren't you glad that you are getting well?" To our astonishment he replied with an unqualified, "No!"

Thinking he must have misunderstood, we had one of the Chinese nurses ask him again, "Wouldn't you rather be well than die?" But again he gave us an emphatic "No!"

Puzzled, we pushed the inquiry further. "Why would you rather die?" And he answered very simply, "Because I have sinned." And of course it was quite obvious that he had sinned, and grievously, for his life had been spent in tormenting and terrorizing the

people of the countryside. His bodily hurt was healing, but had we any help for a hurt far deeper than that? Yes, we had!

"You have heard while you have been here in the ward," we reminded him, "about the Heavenly Father who loves us earth-people and sent His Son to us." The Chinese version of John 3:16 reads: God so loved the earth-people. "Don't you know, because He loves us earth-people so much, He has thought out a method about sin? His Son came to give us that method, and so you don't have to carry the burden of your sins with you all your life. You are sorry for your sins, and God is willing to forgive them. Don't you know that?" No, he had never heard of it.

So we sent for our wise and understanding Chinese pastor, and while we went on to the other sick folk, our pastor sat beside this unhappy man and patiently explained to him again.

Slowly the meaning of the old, incredibly joyous truth dawned. Again and again as days went by the pastor came back to talk with him. Eagerly the sick man asked questions, until he really grasped the fact that the burden of sin need not be carried from one life to another, nor from one year to another, no, nor even from one day to another. And with the knowledge light came into his face until the old, hard, bitter look was gone, and we knew that "the light that shone out of darkness" shone in his heart.

And so there is truly "one less bandit in the Yangtze Valley," for there went out from the hospital one day, not a bandit, but a new man, healed in body and spirit, going forth in the joy of Him who came that we might have life, and that we might have it abundantly.

Missionary Conferences

Hood College, Frederick, Md., July 2-8.

Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 23-29.

A Vacation Trip to Szechuan

By MISS A. KATHARINE ZIERDT, Yuanling, China

Note.—Szechuan is the largest province of China proper and has a population of 62,000,000. Its capital, Chungking has recently become the seat of a number of branches of the National Government as well as of a number of educational institutions which have been moved due to the ever spreading war zone. Being a next door neighbor to Hunan province, it should be of special interest to our readers.—EDITOR.

Dear Friends:

Aside from the first class of nurses graduating from our Training School the biggest event for me last year was a vacation spent in Szechuan. Two of us single women left here by bus to Changsha, train to Hankow and steamer to Chungking. The third day out of Hankow we arrived at Ichang where we waited three days before leaving on the Upper Yangtze steamer—a smaller craft designed to take a lot of punishment from the swirling rapids. From Ichang the first hundred miles took us through the famous Gorges, great high walls of rock rising abruptly and confining the mighty river within a comparatively narrow channel. Mountain streams form falls which cascade down the rocks shrouded in spray and mist. The rock-shaped fortresses, castles and cathedrals gradually change to pyramid-shaped mountains quite square at the base with enough soil to produce grazing for cattle, narrow fields of corn and grain. The pyramids are followed by rolling hills of farm land until Chungking is reached—a modern city on three hills divided by streams.

We went to Chengtu by aeroplane gliding easily at a height of six thousand feet over mountains and rivers. The color of the earth and waters changed from yellow to red, and red to grey. Here missionary work was visited, including Chengtu University and Museum. The banks were closed by order of the government so missionaries loaned us money to continue our travels.

On poor buses over poor roads we rode to O Mei County, then to the temple where sedan chairs with carriers and baggage coolies were engaged. Two hours' travel brought us to the temple where we put up for the night. There are many temples all prepared to care for travelers and pilgrims at a profit which accounts for their well-kept appearance and beautiful decorations. The presence of dark-skinned

idols, images of elephants and cows, reflects a stronger Indian influence than is seen in Buddhist temples in Hunan. The stone steps zigzag up a mountain peak until, after several repetitions, the Golden Summit of O Mei, the sacred mountain, is reached. We were grateful for the brazier of burning charcoal and cotton-filled comforts for covering that night, though it was mid-August.

Between the clouds, which seemed to float midway between earth and the summit, the countryside could be seen twelve thousand feet below. Before six o'clock next morning the priest called us to see the snow mountains. Hundreds of miles in the distance above the clouds five peaks of the Himalayan range could be seen, though they had been obscured for ten days. In the afternoon this priest led us to the edge of a precipice where we watched clouds of mist fill in the ravine below. When the sun shone back of us our shadows, enclosed in rainbow colors, were thrown on the cloud. This phenomenon is known as Buddha's Glory.

The descent was made by a different route and the night spent in a temple adjoining a good-sized cave occupied by screeching bats. A priest had lived a hermit life in its depths until his death.

The return to Chungking was delayed by flood and necessitated travel by rickshaw, sedan chair, small river boat and steamer. The chair carriers were opium smokers who had to be paid in advance in order to buy a meal and have a smoke. We followed to the opium den and saw to it that they did not forget their verbal contract. Under the first stimulation of the drug they made a quick trip but demanded tips beyond all reason on arrival at the destination. Floods also prevented our return to Yuanling by bus and delayed return by the way we had come. You see we were in no danger. Szechuan is the safest place to be—then and now.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Editor*

Notes

REV. ROY C. WHISENHUNT, of Faith, N. C. on March 15th became the new missionary in the First Reformed Church, Winston-Salem, succeeding the Rev. A. C. Peeler who had been in charge of this mission for a number of years.

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St. Paul's Mission, Sheboygan, has a very promising outlook. The present seating capacity is entirely inadequate to accommodate the large audiences which attend the services. There is not sufficient room to accommodate scholars beyond sixteen years of age in the Sunday School. The large number of children from ten to twelve years gives big promise for this mission.

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The Rev. Geza Korocz, missionary of the Hungarian Mission, Flint, Mich. and several members of his family suffered a serious automobile accident on their return home from the installation services of their son-in-law,

Rev. Joseph Kecskemethy as pastor of the East Chicago Hungarian Church. A number of weeks will elapse before Brother Korocz will be able to resume his duties as pastor of this mission church.

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The recent visit of Treasurer Dr. Wm. F. DeLong to our missions on the Pacific Coast proved very helpful to our work. Dr. DeLong attended the meetings of Portland-Oregon and California Classes. He contacted not only the missions of the Reformed Church, but also a number of the pastors and congregations belonging to the Evangelical Synod.

In no section of the country do we have such a variety of national elements as we find in our work on the Pacific Coast. Here we have English, German, Hungarian and Japanese congregations, all working harmoniously together, showing that language and national traits are no barriers to cooperative work in the Church.



A WINNEBAGO CHRISTIAN WORKER AND HIS FAMILY

Evangelist John Stacy and wife (sitting), their children and sons-in-law (standing), and grandchildren under the trees near the Stacy home, Black River Falls, Wis.

A Good Investment

FIFTEEN years ago the Board of Home Missions made a plea before the General Synod of Hickory, N. C. for the relocation and the support of Catawba College. This plea was based on the argument that this educational institution was needed for the sake of the large missionary interests which the Board was fostering in that part of the Church. At the time of the Forward Movement the Board of Home Missions relinquished \$100,000 of its allotment, the same to be added to the quota assigned to Catawba College. For a number of years the Board made an annual contribution out of its budget for the College. Now, have the argument and the policy of the Board been justified in the light of developments since then?

In the last fifteen years the membership in North Carolina Classis has increased by 3,000 members, from 7,000 to 10,000, or an increase of 43 per cent. During the same period only 4,000 members were added in the entire Potomac Synod, thus almost the entire increase was in North Carolina Classis. The fact that Catawba College had a wholesome influence in bringing about this substantial gain must be patent to all. In many other ways the College has made a great contribution to this section of the Church, and it appears now that the far reaching policy of the Board of Home Missions has been fully justified. "Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days."

A Look Into the Life of a Mission

St. Paul's Mission, East Allentown, Pa:

ST. Paul's Mission was organized in September, 1912 through the efforts of Rev. J. P. Bachman, Lehigh and East Pennsylvania Classes. A chapel was built, a congregation organized and a Sunday School started.

On August 1st, 1915, the Board of Home Missions took charge of the project. On December 1st, 1915, Rev. E. E. Sensenig became the pastor. A new church was built during the war period. The corner stone was laid on Whitsunday 1917, and the building dedicated June 30th, 1918.

With the boom the congregation grew, and immediately set to work to pay the Church debt. This indebtedness has been reduced to less than \$3,250. The estimated value of the property is over \$35,000. The original chapel still stands and is in use daily for numerous purposes.

During these years more than 1,200 members came and went. A small group of persons have maintained the offices of the Church and constituted the teaching forces but the congregation is in constant change, so much so, that it has become the common saying that St. Paul's Mission has a new congregation every three years.

The community in which the Mission is located on the east side of the Lehigh River, and west of the Bethlehem City line, affords

an opportunity for workers to seek occupations from either city.

The Mission tries to give its people an entire Church program. However small in numbers, it has a six-department Sunday School, with a well organized Bible Class. It has a Woman's Missionary Society, a Girls' Missionary Guild, and a Mission Band; also a Ladies' Aid Society, a Brotherhood and an active Boy Scout Troop, and two Christian Endeavor Societies, besides a Senior and a Junior Choir, and during the winter months a Catechetical Class, as well as a Mid-week Bible Study Class.

As to benevolences, every object of benevolence is diligently presented to the congregation, and to all the departments and every



REV. E. ELMER SENSENIC

organization of the Church. Contributions are made to Home and Foreign Missions, the Bethany Orphans' and the Phoebe Home, for Christian Education, Schools, Colleges and Camps; Ministerial Relief, for sick and destitute; for Kingdom Support. There is a larger percentage of unemployed in this ward than in any other in the city. There was a time when every industry of this community stood still, and everybody was forced to go outside of the community for industrial employment.

But we must not forget our "CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS," a group of children, not yet confirmed, who attend Church and have specially prepared envelopes for their contributions. Here the children go to Church, and the Church never closes, that is, it is open the year round, with Morning Worship at 9:30, and Evening Worship at 7:30, and Sunday



ST. PAUL'S MISSION, EAST ALLENTOWN, PA.

School AFTER CHURCH, and Christian Endeavor BEFORE CHURCH. And it works, so come and see us, and God bless you one and all.

E. ELMER SENSENIG, Pastor.

The Second Mile

ACCORDING to the Gospel, compulsion in going the first mile becomes constraint in going the second mile. Furthermore, if the first mile has been done willingly may not the second mile be done cheerfully? Cheerful going and giving meets the Master's approval.

The Church in sharing the obligations of the Board of Home Missions has gone the first mile (\$85,000.00) voluntarily in liquidating the current debt of \$200,000.00. May not the same motive move her to go the second mile victoriously? In the past progress of the 20,000 Club—the giving of one or more dollars a month for ten months—lies the promise of reaching the goal. It calls for action.

An elder inquired if repeaters were allowed. We assured him that they were not only allowed but encouraged. Repeaters at the polls act unethically, illegally, but in this worthy cause repeaters are commended. Some persons have repeated their pledge and payment. Some congregations have repeated their 100 per cent participation and more. That is still the privilege of others, but our chal-

lenge is especially to the non-participating congregations. One-half of our congregations belong to that number. They are not too late, but *now* is the time to act. Accent on action.

There are nearly 10,000 members enrolled in this club. Out of the remaining non-participating congregations there are more than enough to double that number. Let willingness measure up to ability and the task will be finished.

In the ancient Greek running race there was placed at the midway point in the course a sign, which signified—"Speed on! Make Haste!" For nothing is so fatal to success as discouragement over past efforts or over-confidence in success but half attained. He who runs may read. Take heart for the second mile.

Let us finish the task.

That's all we ask.

JOHN C. HORNING,

Director.

"I hope THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS will not be changed, because of the merger. Like it just as it is—would not like to do without it. It gives to its readers all the information on Home and Foreign Missions in a concise, interesting way."

DEBORAH A. BUCKS, Reading, Pa.

Inter-Mountain Area Conference

THE second annual meeting of the Inter-Mountain Area Conference was held at Salt Lake City, January 30—February 1, 1938.

About 250 delegates were present from Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Representatives were also present from the National Mission Boards of six different denominations and participated in the program.

Bishop Ralph Cushman of the Denver Area of the Methodist Episcopal Church gave the opening address and sounded the key note of the conference in an appeal for a better quality of spiritual life and the need of Protestant forces taking an aggressive attitude toward the degrading and sinful conditions that obtain in America today. "But," said he, "in order to secure this quality of spiritual life that can take such an aggressive stand, it will be necessary for these denominations to unite their forces in a common impact."

Mark A. Dawber, representing the Home Missions Council, spoke on the Progress of Christian Unity. After a review of the several important mergers of denominations and the trend toward Christian cooperation in the world, as evidenced in the recent meetings in Edinburgh and Oxford, he made a plea for greater cooperation in order to make possible

a ministry to the great, neglected areas of life. He stated that comity and cooperation mean the release of both men and money for missionary work and cited the experience of the United Church of Canada as testimony to this. "Since the union of the churches of Canada, 385 churches that before union were supported by the mission boards, are now self-supporting; but better still, since the union of these churches, 400 new missionary outposts have been opened for which they had before union no funds to make possible the same; and, all this during a depression period."

Dr. Thomas Alfred Tripp, representing the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational-Christian Church, spoke on the theme, "Christian Contribution to Rural Life." "In rural America, Protestantism is facing the test of a changing social life." "Christ and religion came west in America on the crest of a 'Yankee' or Puritan culture. The marks of that culture were land ownership, strong communities and a church which gave social status. But today the increase of tenantry, the deterioration of communities and the tendency of people to find social satisfaction outside the church places Christian religion in an embar-



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rassing position. In order to meet the issue of our day, Protestant churches must cooperate."

The closing address was given by Dr. George Pitt Beers, Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. He brought his audience to a high level in an appeal for a better understanding of the Home Missions task and its significance for

America and the world. He made a plea that the missionaries would intensify their missionary endeavours among the underprivileged and neglected of the Inter-mountain Area. He pointed out that a new race, distinctly American, is now coming out of the melting pot and suggested the importance of the churches seeing to it that the character of this new race is Christian.

Misery Among the Migrants

MARK A. DAWBER

THE migrant situation is getting worse every year. Time was, and not long ago, when this was for the most part a problem of a few foreign-speaking groups, Mexicans and Filipinos being the major nationalities. But now it is a general problem, including all races and with an increasing number of negroes, also white farmers, who have lost their farms; or agricultural laborers who until recently were working regularly on established farms and who themselves had a settled abode.

The tragedy of the new migrant movement is that it now includes a large number of persons who were accustomed to a home of their own, or a settled residence; who were home-lovers and also were citizens of a definite community which they were helping to build. Thousands of these families are now transient, moving around from place to place, glad to get any opportunity that presents itself for occasional work in the fruit, vegetable or cotton sections of the West.

California, Oregon and Washington are the states where these migrants are found in the greatest numbers. California, in particular, seems to be the preference and the situation in this state is giving the state and local authorities much concern.

A recent survey reveals that some fifty thousand families from Arkansas alone moved into California in a year. These are mostly share-croppers who are no longer assured even the precarious existence that share-cropping hitherto provided.

Social conditions among these groups are such that the federal authorities are alarmed. Dr. Owen Mills, regional economist for the Farm Security Administration, has made public a statement that calls for immediate concern and action. He has just completed an intensive field trip and study in California and

reports "a large number of families living in miserable squatter camps consisting of dirty, torn tents and makeshift shacks in a sea of mud."

This report also includes citation of alarming conditions of hunger, privation and misery among the farm workers in the San Joaquin Valley and other agricultural districts of California. Of thirty children who were examined in one camp in Tulare County, twenty-seven were found defective because of malnutrition diseases. In another camp twenty-one out of twenty-two infants examined were undernourished and suffering from disease. The report goes on to say that conditions in Kings, Kern, and Imperial Counties were similar. Children were dying at the rate of one or two a day; in Tulare County ninety per cent of the mortality is among the children of migrants.

As stated, the majority of the new migrants are from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, also from the dust bowl and drought sections of the Dakotas and western Kansas. They are pouring into California at an alarming rate and are creating a terrific problem for the relief agencies.

Most of these migratory families are ineligible for local aid because they are unable to meet the state requirements and the conditions imposed by county and local authorities.

With the increasing use of farm machinery there is increasing production but a decreasing demand for labor. Hand labor is being reduced to a minimum. This is particularly true with crops like cotton, corn and potatoes. Consequently, there is hunger, privation and actual starvation for some of these families the moment the December harvest is over.

Many factors are contributing to this developing migrant problem, such as, the rising tenantry in agriculture; the continuing drought

and dust in the middle west. But the one thing, more than any other, is the movement of certain types of agriculture from the south-east and the south to the west. There is a decline of cotton farming in the old south. The wasted soil in the old cotton south is an important factor. Mr. Gerald W. Johnson in his recent book, "The Wasted Land", paints a rather sordid picture. "It is assuming no great risk of prophecy to say that the end of another ten years will see cotton farming so precarious and unprofitable that only victims of due necessity will undertake it." He is writing of the southeast and the south where some twenty-two million acres of cotton land have been destroyed by wind and water erosion and by a system of agriculture that has been recklessly prodigal with the natural resources, and in particular, the soil. As this tide of soil erosion has developed, so human erosion has accompanied it, and the further loss of human resources by migration to the west.

Moving on, moving on, "no foot of land do they possess, no cottage in the wilderness."

Just a constant movement from place to place. It is impossible to build a worthy civilization under conditions such as exist in migratory labor. There can be little or no education for the children, there is no home life, no community, and no church such as we consider necessary in a progressive community.

The federal and state authorities are doing something to improve conditions in the camps and to make possible a minimum of education and social care for the children. Under the Council of Women for Home Missions, a worthy attempt has been made to provide some religious ministry. In the earlier years in which the migrant problem was limited to certain groups, the leadership and program was able to cope with the most needy fields. But with the present tremendous influx, a greatly enlarged program and leadership is necessary. It is now necessary to arouse all the Christian forces in the territory where these migrant problems exist and to solicit the cooperation of pastors and churches in a greater endeavor to minister to these forlorn and neglected people.

Federal Council Joins in Call to Prayer for Far East

RECOGNIZING the increasing seriousness of the situation of the civilian refugees in China, a Call to Prayer for the Far East on Passion Sunday, April 3, has been issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America through the Committee on Relief in China.

The Call is:

"The Federal Council of Churches and the Committee on the Far East of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America join in urging that on Passion Sunday, April 3, prayer be offered in all churches for the many millions of men, women and children in the Far East, Christians and also non-Christians, who are suffering untold misery of mind, bodily affliction and terrible loss on

account of war.

"Entreaty should be made that God, the Heavenly Father, in His mercy may deliver the people from these horrible evils and grant them speedy peace and free and full opportunity again to turn to the ordinary pursuits of life and to the establishment of justice and goodwill.

"Prayer should also be made for the people of all nations that they may learn to put their trust not in destructive warfare and conquest by force of arms but in just, equitable and happy relations with their fellowmen everywhere and in the knowledge and practice of the truth and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, whose reign in the hearts and lives of men produces lasting peace and true prosperity."

"Easter has brought once more its message of Resurrection and Life to a world lost in bloodshed, political antagonisms, racial jealousies, social and national hatred. How many He would have gathered under His loving care, but 'they would not'! Still, thank God, our Saviour is a living Saviour, able to save. We put our trust in Him and look forward to

the time when His kingdom shall be established. Awaiting such a glorious day, we, Christians of different nations, separated from one another as we are by the barriers set by men, feel more united than ever, in a bond of love; and we pray and pray, that a time may soon come, when all men shall feel like members of one family, with one Father, one Lord, one nation in spirit and in love."

Foreign Missions

JOHN H. POORMAN, EDITOR

“Flags and Ditches” for 1937 Christmas

By MRS. GEORGE R. SNYDER

SOMEWHERE in the long ago we did talk about evergreen trees, lighted candles, Santa Clauses, toys and stocking-hanging Christmases. Less long ago than that, and up to now, we've talked about “White Christmases” and saving useless extra gifts to give to the needy;—“White Christmases” in regions where there was little snow, and Christmases that had no connection with the whiteness of snow. One year it was exceedingly strange that at the time when we were giving pageants and plays to teach the Christmas story in a land where Christmas wasn't known, antis and agitators made annoyances and broke up our plays and meetings. That was the first time I ever had occasion to think about organized non-Good Will. They broke up our meetings, and howled and ridiculed. It was a decade of years ago when a wild people out of the North thrust into the frenzy of a nation upside down, threw their wildness against the wrongs of the world; and sought vengeance and change against a social order that seemed to change not as restless, growing people seemed to need change. These agitators said, “Everything must change and change, and nothing must be the same . . .”

And all these nineteen hundred years there had been a “White Christmas” spirit—a giving-to-the-needs-of-others. No one had ever given to the needs of the world people, all and each one, change as they may or stay as they must, like the Man born on the first Christmas Day. But it must have been that throughout the centuries too many folk kept seeing the candle-light decorations, the Santa Claus images and hung stockings that were filled to overflowing while at the same time across cold, white snow too many folk had no chimneys and no fires to burn. It would seem that the stars and lights pointed too much to merchant-sized cities, and to glare and glamour; and not so much to the plains and the common people around Bethlehem . . . So, 1926 and 1927 antis and agitators broke up plays and pageants and the teachings in this ancient land of civilized people of the East.

But, reality lives beyond change and beyond destruction; and people would have service, sacrifice, and trust and faith, and would have goodwill, and building and living together. The antis and agitators could not break up the desire for these things. Missionaries of that Man born the first Christmas Day communized in nationality and said, “We lift up only the Cross of Jesus Christ; if our flag, or our color, or our ways obscure His Cross we shall not hold them up. You shall not need to see them and we shall serve that you may see only the Cross and His Way.”

Following that, some missionaries went the way of Communist martyrdom; some escaped in and out as violence threatened; and some tramped weary months of captivity exile. One such stouter and long-enduring heart did say, “To have endured all this weariness, and misery, and exile with them and to have endured, and to have lived, and to have preached in season and out of season the Christ Message and His Way . . . , this has been an only way to teach them . . .” In 1934 and 1935, for Christmas we were discussing just these things. We of Central West China, refugeeed in Changsha, Yochow and in Wuchang, where it was safe to be. In 1935 we hung our Christmas evergreens in great rejoicing that the danger threat of a few weeks before had passed over and left us in safety, and that the outlaw armies had gone on beyond our region. In 1936, we shared our Christmas season joy in plays and programs and in full glad measure of telling; but gladdest of all were we that Christmas evening when radio news told us that Generalissimo Chiang had been released from his captivity. For it was for him that the hearts and minds of most of China's people were chiefly concerned that last year's Christmas Day . . .

With all the above having gone before, it is strange now that we are saying . . . “Make American flags to put on the buildings. Most probably they would not intentionally bomb our property . . . But, is it Christian; is it holding up only the Cross as we now talk

again about taking up the sign of our nationalism? No, it is not that any of us would think of asking revenge, punishment or damage settlement, and so isn't this right if it is a way of saving life and a way of helping? And was it not good to 'save a life on Sunday,' even when creedal principles were involved? And, school children are in schools and patients are in hospitals . . . Shall we make sandbags? Shall we dig trenches? Do we know what kind of a trench would be safest? Changsha is one day's bus ride away; it has had one bombing. It is a long mountainous way on to Yuanling, and we do not believe they will come this far. But, machines of war go a long

ways. While there is time now, we think we shall make and put up flags, and dig dug-outs or ditches." These are our Christmas plans, in 1937.

It has been a long while since we talked about snow-crisp, Christmas white, about evergreen trees and family gatherings, and lighted candles. Although we have to talk "Flags and Ditches" this year, we know that there is ever yet the only Way that began those nineteen centuries ago when a great star rose and glowed in an Eastern sky that first Christmas night.

Yuanling, Hunan, China.

Missionary Chat

Extract of letter from Dr. Kate I. Hansen,

Dean of the Music Department of Miyagi College, Sendai, Japan

"The right kind of a voice teacher is so essential to our music course and its musical standing in Japan. One thing which prompts me to write is a letter received this week from one of our best 'customers,' a Christian school that employs three of our graduates. Here are some extracts from this letter:

"We are needing at least one music teacher in April, possibly two. We have two of our own graduates completing the music course in March, but neither of them has the standard of training we feel Miyagi gives . . . I hope you have at least one person to recommend. We have appreciated the help you have given us in the past; we do hope you can help us

out now. We have always felt we could rely on your recommendations."

"One of the things that makes this principal so greatly prefer Miyagi's standards is that the other schools she refers to do not have western conservatory graduates with voice majors at the head of these departments. There are large non-Christian schools in Tokyo, with which we must compete, which do have such voice teachers—graduates of European conservatories, mostly Germans, thoroughly competent teachers. These are the two kinds of competition our graduates must meet—these and the discrimination in favor of the one government conservatory. It is only by sheer merit that we can do anything."

Extract of letter from Miss Minerva S. Weil, Yuanling, China,

February 1st, 1938

"I just returned from making New Year's calls in homes of twelve Christians and was welcomed everywhere. In one home where I am always welcome the mother loves me as she would her own daughter and how she did plead with me to share her bit of special meat at this season of feasting. The family is large

—they will be able to consume it as it is served, and I wanted to get this off in the night-mail bag to go to Changsha tomorrow early. Sometimes the pleading is false but this was REAL. It is refreshing to find real courtesy in the midst of so much false—yes, we have it here too."

Extract of letter from Rev. Sterling Whitener, Yoyang, China, January 20th, 1938.

"It is snowing and sleeting today. Somehow there is a feeling of relief when the weather is bad, for then there is no fear of

air-raids. Last week I spent in Djung Fang where four men and one woman united with the church."

North Japan College

By DR. E. H. ZAUGG

Dean of North Japan College, Sendai, Japan

I TAKE it for granted that you all know something about North Japan College. Founded in Sendai fifty-two years ago by Dr. W. E. Hoy and Rev. M. Oshikawa, it was greatly developed under the wise and devoted leadership of Dr. D. B. Schneder, until now it occupies a high place among the Christian educational institutions of the Sunrise Kingdom and is one of the largest colleges connected with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

There are at present about 1150 students in the school, approximately 700 in the High School Department and 450 in the College Department. There are about 90 teachers and instructors on the staff, of whom quite a number have received part of their education in the United States.

The graduates number about 3000. The majority of these, of course, live in Japan, but some will be found in almost every country of the world. They occupy all kinds of positions in life; some are members of Parliament, many are teachers, doctors and lawyers, quite a number have gone into business, and nearly all the pastors and evangelists of our Church in the northern part of the main island have received their training in our school.

A year ago the school merged its Theological Department with the seminary of the Church of Christ in Japan, which is located in Tokyo, and is contributing a yearly subsidy toward the support of the united institution. The school feels that in this way it can help to carry on the training of young men for the ministry more economically and perhaps just as efficiently as when it undertook to do it by itself.

Recent reports indicate that the war in China has not materially affected the work of the school. Only two teachers were called to the army, and as gymnastic teachers they could be spared without disrupting the work at all. Everything is going on very much as usual.

Two Main Objectives

Now may I say a word about the two main objectives of the school. The first is *vocational training*. In a country like Japan in which a crowded population makes the problem of securing employment a matter of utmost concern, no school could long subsist if it did not prepare its students for some definite occupation. Of course, in the High School Department little attention is given to the matter of vocational training aside from



DR. D. B. SCHNEDER, VETERAN MISSIONARY EDUCATOR AND DR. TEIZABURO DEMURA, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF NORTH JAPAN COLLEGE

the effort to prepare students for the entrance examinations into colleges and higher schools of learning where their vocational training later takes place. But in our College Department we endeavor in our literary course to prepare young men to become teachers, and in our commercial course to prepare them for a business career. Likewise the work of the Theological Seminary is distinctively vocational.

But the second objective of the school is the one in which we as a Church are particularly interested, and this is the objective which justifies our continued interest in, and support of, the school. It is the religious objective. The school was founded for the purpose of giving a *Christian education* to young men. And the school is faithfully trying to carry out this noble purpose in various ways. Chapel exercises are held every morning for all the students. The Bible is taught regularly in the classroom to all the students. The school has a chaplain whose duty it is to look after the spiritual welfare of teachers and students. Y. M. C. A.'s are organized in each department. Special evangelistic meetings are held several times a year. Nearly all the regular teachers, even those in charge of secular subjects, are professing Christians. And permit me to add that the government has not interfered in any way with this Christian teaching and activity.

Not all of the students, of course, become Christians while they are in school, but they all receive indelible Christian impressions; and many are baptized even after graduation. Public officials and business men who come in contact with some of our alumni frequently tell us that our graduates possess certain strong and admirable traits of character which other young men lack, and we believe that such testimony is valid justification for our continued support of the school and the noble work which it is endeavoring to carry on.

The annual subsidy given to the school by the Evangelical and Reformed Church now amounts to about \$19,000, about three cents per member each year. Not a very large amount, is it? But for some years to come, until the endowment fund of the school can be enlarged, this sum will be necessary to ensure its continuance. I am sure the Church does not want to endanger the future existence of this fine piece of its work by withholding this support. The war in China may cause some of our members to lose their steadfast vision and to hesitate helping the work in Japan any longer. But no one conversant with the situation in the Far East today can doubt the fact that, if ever the Christian forces of any land needed help, it is the Christians of Japan today.

Appreciations of the Centennial Booklet

THE Centennial Booklet prepared by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions (R), has received a warm reception on the part of pastors and people. Some of the comments follow:

"This booklet is a fine summary of 100 years of Foreign Mission endeavor by our beloved Zion. It makes a profound impression upon my people."

—REV. JOHN C. BRUMBACH, Pillow, Pa.

"It is very splendid and affords an excellent means of visual education in missions."

—REV. W. W. MOYER, Lehighon, Pa.

"The Anniversary Booklet is a beautiful work of art, and a fine historical picture of our missionary work."

—REV. IRVIN G. SNYDER, Conyngham, Pa.

"I think it is a fine piece of workmanship." —REV. GUY J. MOYER, Alexandria, Pa.

"I think this ought to be in every Reformed home."

—REV. N. J. DECHANT, Olney, Ill.

"The Anniversary Booklet is splendid and I shall look forward to receiving our supply."

—REV. C. M. PRUCH, Decatur, Ind.

"I certainly appreciate this booklet and consider it one of the finest contributions to the publications of our Church."

—REV. HAROLD C. BAER, Somerset, Pa.

"May I commend the splendid booklet you have so ably prepared. It is fine and not only commendable but you are to be congratulated upon its assembling."

—REV. ERVIN E. YOUNG, Delaware, Ohio.

"It is a fine piece of work and worthwhile."

—REV. HERMAN C. SNYDER, Macungie, Pa.

Hoy Memorial Hospital

NOTE.—The following little statement was written in English by Dr. Hu Chung-tao, the head physician at Hoy Memorial Hospital in Yoyang, China. It gives us an intimate glimpse of the hospital through Chinese eyes. It is given just as it was written.

(1). The Hoy Memorial Hospital has been established for more than thirty years by Mr. W. E. Hoy. It, situated in Yochow City, Hunan has one big building, which can contain 50 beds and an out-patient department. There are two doctors, 4 staff nurses, and 8 students. Before 1927 the situation of this hospital was quite different from that of the present. The financial conditions were better, for the hospital with comparatively complete equipment, was always full of patients. But the Communists occupying of this city for a short period everything of the hospital except the buildings was destroyed. This caused the hospital a great loss. The number of staff members was decreased. Consequently the income was lowered.

(2). As it is the only one in the city and its neighboring towns. The Hoy Memorial Hospital has great importance. During the last two years, the work of the hospital gradually improved: the number of in-patients was up one thousand and that of out-patients to fifteen thousand yearly. Among those patients there were about four hundred who had been under operation. This year, although war has broken, it still carries on its indispensable work.

(3). Now, the hospital has two urgent needs: One is X-ray, and the other is residence for the two doctors, who are staying temporarily in the buildings belonging to church. I am strongly hoping that readers will generously help the hospital as to make it a perfect one; and they will not forget it in their prayer.



AT A BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT HUPING, CHINA

Six children of Faculty members of Huping Agricultural-Normal School baptized by Rev. Edwin A. Beck.

“The February OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS is worth the subscription price alone with all its news and inspiration. I hope there may be many new subscribers so as to go over the top.”

MRS. J. HOELZER, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dedicatory Exercises at Miyagi College

Program at the Dedication of the Chapel Auditorium of Miyagi College

Sunday, January 30, 1938, 2 P. M.

Prelude—Introduction to the Two Piano Suite—Rachmaninoff	Miss Ilsley, Mrs. Oka
Hymn—"Fill with Peace This Hall We Now Dedicate"	Congregation
Scripture Reading—Psalm 24.....	Dr. Tateoka
Prayer	Dr. Tateoka
National Anthem	Congregation
Address	President Kriete
Soprano Solo—"Hallelujah," Hummel.....	Mme. Margaretha Netke Löwe
Building Report	Mr. Ichimi
Congratulatory Addresses	Governor Kikuyama, Mayor Shibuya
President, Parent Teachers' Association.....	Prof. Tsurumi
President, Alumnae Association.....	Miss Harada
Representative of Tokyo Branch of Alumnae Association	Mrs. Imaizumi
Letters of Recognition to Architect and Contractors	
Prayer of Dedication.....	President Kriete
Dedication Hymn	Congregation
Benediction	President Kriete

The Oratorio—"The Golden Legend"

In celebration of the dedication of the new Chapel Auditorium, the chorus of Miyagi College, on January 31st, gave a dramatic presentation of Arthur Sullivan's "Golden Legend", under the able direction of Miss Marie Leidal. The oratorio had been especially arranged for women's voices by Miss Alice Ilsley of our Music Department. It was given in costume, and use was made of the beautiful lighting effects and scenery made possible by our large stage. The richness and depth developed in the voices of the soloists show the results of Miss Leidal's careful work as a builder of

voices, and the beauty of the choral numbers was a tribute to her rare ability as a conductor of choral music; and the natural acting of the chorus was a tribute not only to their own natural dramatic ability but also a proof of the dramatic ability of their director. The Oratorio was sung entirely in English, and from memory. The art department produced properties and scenery, and the Home Economics Department the costumes.

Our visitors felt that it was a performance worthy of the beautiful hall in which it was given.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE ORATORIO "THE GOLDEN LEGEND" AT MIYAGI COLLEGE

Hymn for the Dedication of Miyagi College Auditorium

KATE I. HANSEN

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The - - - build - ers, work is done; Con - crete, and

We ded - i - cate.
steel, and stone With glad - ness now we ded - i - cate.
With glad - ness now we ded - i - cate.

Well wrought their hands, their brains, in its cre - a - tion, Mak - ing each wall, and

roof, and broad foun - da - tion Stur - dy and straight. A - men

1. The builders' work is done;
Concrete, and steel, and stone
We dedicate.
Well wrought their hands, their brains, in its
creation,
Making each wall, and roof, and broad foundation
Sturdy and straight.
2. Concrete, and steel, and stone—
It is not these alone
We dedicate.
Labor and love of friends beyond the ocean,
Miyagi daughters' toil, their deep devotion,
Patience to wait.
3. Our life within this hall
To thee, dear Lord of all,
We dedicate.
May we in prayer and praise, in speech and story,
Music and pageantry, show forth Thy glory,
Thy love relate.
4. Here, Lord, Thy truths reveal—
Stronger than stone and steel
We dedicate.
Hence may they spread to far-off generations,
Ruling in countless lives, when these foundations
Stand desolate.

The Literary Program

On Tuesday night, the first of February, the Student Activities Organization gave an impressive literary program, including an original dramatization of "Urashima Taro", the Japanese "Rip Van Winkle", given by the High School Fifth Year Class; a beautiful and impressive historical play, also original, by the Home Economics Department; and Shakespeare's "Tempest" in English, by the English Department.

In the midst of the program, a student in the Bible Department effectively presented a recitation of biographical extracts of the life story of a converted prisoner sentenced to death, which has appeared in English under the title "A Gentleman in Prison".

The hall was filled to capacity by an audience of nearly 1200 people, who listened quietly and attentively to a program which lasted from six o'clock in the evening until after eleven.

Seeing Tsingtao

By REV. WARD HARTMAN, Yungui, Hunan, China

NOTE:—Mr. Hartman visited Tsingtao last July as a delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China. This article was written soon thereafter and gives his observations as he saw the city before the Japanese occupation.

TSINGTAO situated on the Yellow Sea is just half-way between Shanghai and Tientsin. It is a city and a district. It is in the same latitude as San Francisco and the city is considered the most healthful and cleanest place in all China. It boasts of a splendid climate in spring and autumn with almost daily sunshine. The rainfall comes during the summer, but generally there is a cool breeze off the bay. In the winter there are occasional cold north winds.

Germany had considered several places since she desired a colony in the Orient. Chinese bandits killed two German missionaries in 1897 and the result was that on January 29, 1898, two ship-loads of German soldiers landed in Kiaochow Bay and took over the Tsingtao district as a German colony. It was then nothing more than a fishing village and ordinary waterfront Chinese town. Later China leased the district to Germany for 99 years and gave rights of mining and railroad building. Japan captured it in 1914 and held it as a protectorate until December, 1922, when it was given over to China.

The fine built harbor with its three piers is never closed by ice during the winter. In Junk Harbor we saw hundreds of the old type sailing boats many of which still make trips up or down the coast of North China. A large dry dock provides a place for the repair of ships.

The municipal housing plan has proved a beneficial experiment. We visited a section

where the city has erected a model village with a capacity of 5000 homes which rent for Chinese one dollar per month. Public places for washing clothes are provided. The old straw huts and dilapidated houses have been torn down. A wonderfully constructed modern type stadium is just beside the race course. The American gunboats which spend several months at Tsingtao each year furnish players for many ball games in the stadium.

The ruins of the old cannon and fortifications of the Germans on a small hill overlooking the approach to the bay give some idea of how well the Germans had fortified the place. One small promontory extending out into the bay is called Iltis Huk, named so because of the German steamer "Iltis" which sank just off the point. The Chinese have planted trees and are making a public park on this little point of land. While the aquarium is not a large building, yet it is one of which the people of Tsingtao can feel proud—built in true Oriental style of stone with the wooden parts in brilliant red.

Our visit to the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Museum of Agriculture gave us some idea of the improvements being made in the rural sections. The whole district is rocky and mountainous, formed almost exclusively of granite rock in various stages of decomposition. The soil is rich in potash and therefore very fertile wherever the cover of the soil is deep enough. Much attention is being given to fruit culture on the mountain slopes. These being developed are: apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, pomegranates, jujube, grapes, persimmons; and chestnuts and walnuts are being planted. The lotus flower was seen growing in several places.

The many new, clean-looking modern type school buildings of two or three rooms out in

the country are a great contrast to the village schools in most parts of China. The engineering ability and the stability of the Germans is seen in the wonderful harbor, also in the massive buildings and well laid-out streets of the city. The present mayor takes pleasure in making further developments much needed throughout the district. A good road has been built up the Laoshan, a famous mountain, about twenty miles from the harbor. It

affords an excellent place to go and relax under an environment conducive to quiet and rest. Many have built cottages up in the mountain.

One of the larger villages is being made a model of reconstruction and they were glad to display their public assembly room, the nine department heads and the model prison. Time did not permit further investigation.

Needlework Guild

By MINERVA S. WEIL, Yuanling, Hunan, China

Since many of our women church members are poor and have no money to give for the spread of the Gospel, Miss Liu organized the Needle Work Guild where women could give of their time and talents each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 o'clock. The proceeds, they decided, were *all* to be used for the preaching of the Gospel. Since its organization in 1930, gifts have been sent to the Chinese Home Missionary Society, to Gi Dung Pin (outstation in Sui-Pao field) and to Gi Pin, Hwang Tu Pu and Gu Tsang (outstations in Shenchow field).

The Guild makes and sells Chinese clothes, shoes, hats, knitted garments and foreign clothes for children, which are becoming increasingly popular in Yuanling. The price of the product varies with the ability of the buyer to pay. I worked for three hours on a "cast-off" which one of the missionaries had given to a servant for a dress for her little girl. Since it was foreign material she requested a foreign style dress, so I was invited to plan and make the garment. When the price was discussed, they decided this woman could afford to pay ten cents for the work, since she got the material gratis. I earned three cents U. S. currency in three hours. A woman who could afford to pay was asked 70 cents for the work on her child's dress, but she required so many changes and re-stitchings that the statement was made, "Now if you want any more alterations there must be extra charge for labor." There were no more requests.

A few years ago the Guild invested a few dollars in a female goat which was added to Mrs. Hwang's own herd and cared for by her daughters-in-law. The number of goats increased and some died. There was some dissatisfaction, with the result that the goats were sold after the principal was doubled.

This year two pigs were bought for \$14.00 and given to a poor woman to feed for over five months, after which they were to have been sold and the proceeds divided. Both pigs became ill and in spite of much prayer on the part of Aunty Su, one pig died and the meat sold for \$2.00. No, you and I would not sell to others what we did not eat ourselves, but they say, "If other people are glad to get the cheaper meat, why not sell it?" Personally, I believe that an actual tenth, however small, would be more acceptable to our Lord than this method of obtaining funds toward self-support.

The Guild does afford opportunity for learning to make things, and if I can give joy to a little kindergartner and introduce a simple foreign dress pattern, I pray for grace to work for three hours to add three cents to the Lord's Treasury.

Last year Evangelist Liu succeeded in securing lease on a chapel property for three years for Chinese \$105.00 (about \$30.00 U. S.). After he had secured \$40.00 toward this amount he appealed to the Guild for \$60.00. As the Guild is a part of the Woman's Missionary Society, this large request was taken to the higher body, and a gift of \$10.00 received. From a special fund I offered \$60.00 provided Miss Liu secure another \$10.00, making \$20.00 as their own gift. The money came in slowly in dimes and coppers with two gifts of a dollar each, but she was short \$2.40 when a happy thought occurred to Miss Liu. She told me, "It is time to send a birthday gift to my older sister, so I'll pay in this amount and tell her for her birthday gift she had a share in opening a preaching place at Gutsang." In her reply the older sister expressed her gratitude for the privilege of allowing her to have a share in opening a chapel in a new field.

Not in the Minutes

By LUCILE C. HARTMAN

Leaving the Home Folks

An escort of the Chinese folks walked with us along the cobblestone street to the bus station. Dad had gone before five-thirty to buy tickets, but now that Morning Prayer was over, Pastor Swen in usual whiskered dignity came to the gatehouse to amble along. Mrs. Swen was going with us to Yuanling, well armed with an enormous net-covered basket. Then Mrs. Bible Woman, wee woman that she is, called that she was coming, and Wen Tsen, her eighteen-year-old friend, was already begging to carry something. The Miao woman with her "Jimmie" in the basket on her back, the night-watchman and his wife, and a visiting evangelist—so trailed we all into the bus station to find Dad sitting on a bench reading his Bible.

At length the telephone jingled and the station master reported that the bus had left Tsadung and would arrive in less than an hour, with which news our hearts jingled too with excitement. At length we saw the creature out on a hill and someone chased the Miao woman out of danger. Suddenly there was the bus—panting for breath, its wooden body all aquiver. After we had scrambled in, there were still several minutes for messages through the window, "God care

for you," "Pray for the mission meeting." And as we bumped along that day, we could know that those folks would be praying.

After we had climbed out of the bus and walked down the miles of Ai Tsai Mountain, there was a wait of three hours for the bus from Yuanling to meet us. A Chinese evangelist from up-country had been on the bus, and as we sat there on the hill slope he began first to speak to one man and soon had a crowd about him listening to his clear witness for Christ.

Yuanling

Before dusk we were in Yuanling with the missionaries. They were very busy next day arranging for evangelistic, school, and hospital activities during their absence. It was Wednesday, and at Prayer Meeting the mission meeting was remembered. Afterwards, as Miss Liu was going home, Miss Weil asked again, "You will pray for us?" And Miss Liu, with lantern in her hand, promised, "Yes, I will pray for you."

Yoyang

So did the 1937 mission meeting convene in the ladies' house in Yoyang. But even as we met, a member did remark, "Friends are praying for us, friends here and in the States."

Abounding Grace Hospital Notes

Shenchow Medical Work reports an increase of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % over last year both in in-patient and out-patient departments.

A second doctor, Dr. Feng, has been added to the Staff and Miss Mai Bi Heng, the Training School's first graduate, has been added to the nursing staff. Both are Christians and are giving satisfactory service in the hospital and teaching in the school.

Yuanling County is establishing a Public Health service with Dr. Wei in charge.

Training School for Nurses

A Board of Directors has been organized

and a provisional constitution adopted. The next step is to register the Board with the Ministry of Education.

The first class of three graduates have completed their time of training. Two graduates are not yet employed.

Only two of the number of applicants to enter the school were qualified and accepted.

The curriculum and hours of work are being adjusted to meet the requirements of Government registration.

A. KATHARINE ZIERDT.

Missionary Conferences

Hood College, Frederick, Md., July 2-8.
Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 23-29.

Men and Missions

JOHN M. G. DARMS, EDITOR

Where It Counts

\$200.00

We have many small mission churches, situated in strategic places, and they are doing a great work.

Ofttimes we find men of great power and prominence in their membership, and we wonder what holds them there.

Such men are sought after in the large churches and they could spread their influence over a larger area, but they choose to stay with the small mission church.

Are they not wise?

In the smaller church the unit member counts for so much and there is no limit to the area of his influence, since the small mission church *takes and gives impressions and touches the life of men and people at every point*. Its program is just as large as that of the large church, only its work must be more intensive and individualized.

And how the missionary does appreciate the association and fellowship with a finely spirited and capable man, who knows how to handle and do things.

The big man in the small church helps the mission church to "grow big" and to do things in a big way. Moreover, he can build himself a memorial there.

A good artist can paint a great picture on a small canvas, and can even fill it with faces and life. It all depends upon the perspective and his own ideals and genius.

Thank God for big men who "stick to" the small church and become pioneers in a church and community movement, which may some day grow to immense proportions.

No man is too big for the Kingdom of God. In fact, there's enough of need in a small church to challenge and grow all the qualities and abilities in the biggest man in the world; for religion, if it works right, draws big men into a circle, where they are most needed.

Missionary Outlook

Four words aptly describe the missionary outlook of today. They are tersely put by Charles J. Leber in the Princeton Bulletin:

1. Need.
2. Achievement.
3. Difficulty.
4. HOPE.

Think on these things, my brother, and see where you fit into the picture.

A prominent layman of our church sent in his check for \$200.00 to the Board of International Missions for relief of the present situation of distress in China but requested that his name be withheld.

That's a fine gift given in a fine Christian spirit. And we are sure the Lord knows of this transaction and the brother himself received a blessing.

Would that this brother had many brothers, who would come "along" and do likewise.

Is the Orient Awakening?

If, as many students of history and affairs claim, the Orient is awakening from its lethargy of 4000 years, and destined to leadership, as years ago, and the present undeclared war in China, is but the first announcement of Oriental leadership among the Oriental people, then the *Orient Needs Christ* as never before.

Any civilization built on other than truly Christian ground is bound to be limited and must ultimately fail.

There is no other name under Heaven, by which the nations can be saved to unity and happiness, than the name of Jesus Christ, which the glorious Gospel proclaims and makes effective in the Occident, or in the Orient.

And this Gospel is for the world today, the whole world.

There never has been a more imperative need for holding and advancing the lines of Christian thinking and living and of missionary activity than today.

If we know Christ and love Him truly, we will see to it that nothing be left undone, that everything be done by way of recharging our spirit, recruiting our workers, and applying our resources to a *world-wide* presentation and application of the Gospel of Love and Good Will. If the Orient is awakening and making strides forward, this should be done only under the leadership of Jesus Christ, our Divine Lord and Saviour. There is no other safe "world leader."

To make Christ known, loved and obeyed in all the world, is, after all, the main objective of our missionary work and every man in the church should have a respectable part in it. Now, if ever, throw your support to International Missions.

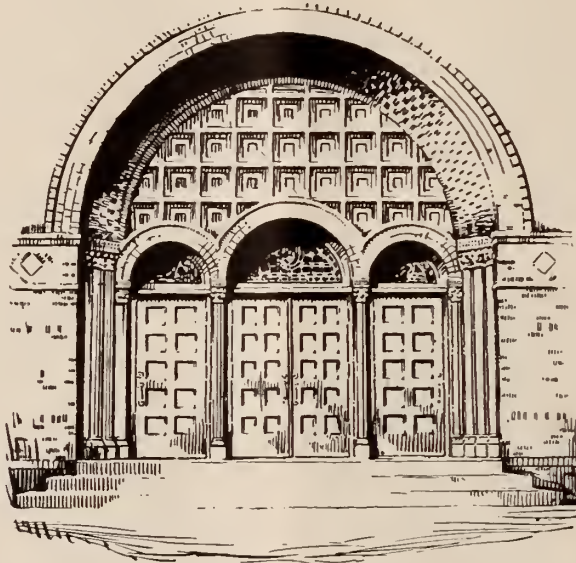
The Woman's Missionary Society

GRETA P. HINKLE, EDITOR

MRS. EDWIN W. LENTZ, EDITOR THIS ISSUE

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THROUGH THESE DOORS ENTER WITH THANKSGIVING

Eighteenth Triennial Convention Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod

THE Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod will meet in Grace Church, Akron, Ohio, May 31 to June 4th, 1938 for the eighteenth triennial convention and the celebration ceremonies which shall bring to a close the Fiftieth Anniversary Year. As we approach the event, with distinctness we hear an echo of words, spoken twenty years ago by one of the twenty-five women who were the beginning of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod: "The time and place of our present meeting are notable."

These words were spoken in this church in 1917 on the occasion of the Thirtieth Anniversary. The same words are appropriate to this greater occasion which shall mark a Fiftieth Anniversary. Fifty-one years ago, in the parlor of what was at that time a beautiful new Gothic edifice, in connection with the meeting of the General Synod, twenty-five

women opened the way through which thousands upon thousands of women of the Reformed Church have satisfied their longings for participation in Christian world service.

In the short space of fifty years the young women of 1887 have yielded to others who are carrying forward what they began in lofty, glorious faith. In this succession lies the fulfillment of prophecy—"ye shall become."

The hostess church, Mrs. O. W. Haulman, General Chairman of arrangements, with the cooperation of the other Reformed Churches of Akron, has been tireless in making the necessary preparations for the Triennial Convention and the Fiftieth Anniversary observances. Let me present the other Akron churches. As "twin sisters" so are Grace and First Church. Both have sprung simultaneously from the same beginnings. Akron's church history goes back to pioneer settler John Heintz and

the occasion of inviting his Lutheran and Reformed neighbors to his home for worship. John Heintz was Reformed. This group in 1836 organized "The German Protestant St. Paul's Church," and worshipped for a number of years together. Practically at the same time, the Lutherans organized and The German Reformed Church was established as a mission under the Home Mission Board. In 1856 the English element withdrew and organized Grace Church and the German-speaking group re-organized as The First Church. As Akron became a town, then a city, then the Center in Akron Area, churches were organized to meet the needs of the people: Trinity, Wooster Avenue, Goss Memorial, Miller Avenue, East Market Street, Williard Avenue, First Hungarian, with the following in the Akron Area, Federated Church, Barberton; Bethany, Cuyahoga Falls; Manchester-East Liberty, a parish

to the south of Akron; Loyal Oak; Trinity, Wadsworth; Mt. Zwingli. The total membership of the Reformed Churches including the Akron Area, reaches almost 8,000.

In a few short weeks there will be assembled in the spacious auditorium of Grace Church some hundreds of women from many states and from foreign countries to fellowship, to give thanks for past leadings, to pray for future guidance. During this meeting an epoch will close: it will be marked with special ceremonies. . . But, were these ceremonies the goal of the preparations, we do not believe the large number of women would have traveled to Akron. Fifty-one years ago, twenty-five women pledged their loyalty to missionary service: as they served their generation so must the women of the coming years do for their day. For that reason we go to Akron in 1938.

You Need Not Go to New York!

LAST year something happened at the May Day luncheon—the annual affair that had heretofore been the May Day luncheon of the Council of Women for Home Missions. For a number of years get-to-gether luncheons for the people in, and near-by, New York brought the work of the Council of Women for Home Missions to the attention of many women who would otherwise have had little opportunity to know the wide service-ramifications of this interdenominational organization. Last year the idea burst the shell, which had kept the luncheon primarily for the Council of Women fellowships, and came out in the glory of the wider realm—for Protestant church women. That luncheon meeting of 670 church women is responsible for the plan which will bring the May Luncheon to your community. The conferences in Oxford and Edinburgh last summer will have failed unless the spirit of Christian unity which prevailed in these groups can be carried into the communities of the world.

Out of last year's luncheon grew the plan to hold May Luncheons, simultaneously, in all parts of the country, on Tuesday May 3rd and at that time consider together "Unity in Christian Service." "There are said to be 77,000 communities in this country and we would like to have Protestant church women of those 77,000 communities attending luncheons at the same time on that day and earnestly plan how we can achieve better unity in Christian service." It will be an uplifting experience for a participating group to know that it is a unit in a vast chain of praying units!

If you are called to attend a meeting to prepare for the Church Women's Luncheon, please respond. If no one else calls, be sure to *call* a meeting of the women of the churches in your community to plan for the occasion. Equip yourself with suggestions which may be secured by writing to "The National Committee of Church Women, Room 63, 297 Fourth Ave., New York City."

"Thank you for reminding me of the expiration of my subscription. I surely would miss THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS so am sending in my renewal immediately.

MRS. HENRY VOGEL, St. Mary's, Ohio.

"I certainly enjoy the reading of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS—and after reading I pass it on to our members who do not subscribe for it." MRS. W. H. BARROW, Derry, Pa.

Dedication of the Chapel Auditorium of Miyagi College

THE new Chapel Auditorium of Miyagi College was dedicated with impressive services on Sunday afternoon, January 30th, 1938. The students occupied the spacious gallery, and the first floor was occupied by a goodly number of visitors. Among the distinguished guests were Governor Kikuyama and Mrs. Kikuyama, Mayor Shibuya and Mrs. Shibuya, many prominent citizens of Sendai who are friends of the school and a large number of Sendai alumnae. We were very much pleased with their spontaneous praise of the careful planning, painstaking construction, the excellent taste of the decorations, the ample provision for safety, the comfort and convenience, the unusually satisfactory acoustics, and the adaptability of the building to all of its various uses.

The congratulatory addresses of the Governor and the Mayor showed unusual sympathy, understanding and appreciation of our work. The following sentences from the ad-

dress of the Mayor will give you an idea of their remarks. "There is an ancient Oriental saying that 'the habitation affects the spirit, and garments affect the body', and in school architecture there is a strong relation between the buildings and character. The purpose for which your building is to be used, makes this especially true of your new chapel, where impressive religious rites are conducted. I most heartily congratulate you especially because I can understand the great convenience this building will be in carrying on your education for character based on the teaching of Christianity. In your campus you have preserved the quiet beauty of nature, though surrounded by the noises of the city, and you have at various times built beautiful buildings in the modern style, and the fact that you have now built this impressive hall, is not only a great blessing of God upon your school, but is also a matter of pride to Sendai, which is known as an educational center."



PART OF MIYAGI COLLEGE STUDENT BODY IN THE BALCONY AT THE DEDICATION SERVICE



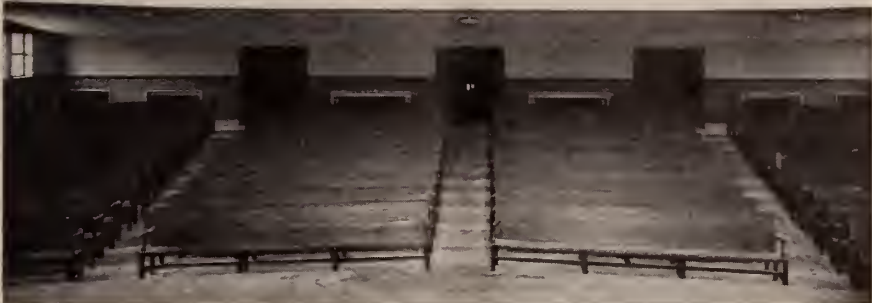
STAGE AND PART OF MAIN FLOOR OF NEW CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Madame Netke Löwe of Tokyo, who formerly taught in our school sang Hummel's beautiful dedication solo, "Hallelujah!" The dedication song especially written for this occasion by Dr. Hansen was sung by the school, and President Kriete offered the dedicatory prayer.

Dean Ichimi held in his hand a great sheaf of colorful telegraphic messages from all over Japan, showing the wide interest taken in this service. Miss Harada, President of the Alum-

nae Association, and Mrs. Imaizumi, representing the Tokyo Branch, read messages of congratulation.

This realization of a long cherished dream is giving great joy to all of us connected with the school, and our gratitude goes out to all those in Japan and America whose sacrificial gifts have made this beautiful and useful building possible.



BALCONY AND MAIN FLOOR OF CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Not Rain—But Books

THE recollection of a letter, I was privileged to read, came to me with poignancy at the recent service of the World Day of Prayer. In the light of the theme, "The Church: A World Fellowship," this letter seemed like a testimonial to what we are seeking. Maybe the co-incidence of "floods" with the 1937 and the 1938 observance of the World Day of Prayer brought the recollection of the letter, but the letter seemed to illustrate the underlying thought in the topic. I take the liberty of quoting from this letter written by Mrs. Lahr of St. Luke's Church, Jeffersonville, Ind. (Under date of Feb. 19) "It is just a little more than a year since the Ohio flood waters practically ravaged our entire city, wrecking houses, churches, schools and places of business, including all furnishings and equipment. Of course the program of reha-

bilitation this past year has been long and trying and at times we felt too mentally and physically fatigued to continue. But the thoughtfulness and kindness of Christian friends helped to give us necessary courage and faith to carry on. We truly feel that another evidence of this thoughtfulness was revealed when we received shipments of 'Book Showers' from our W.M.S. office in Philadelphia." . . . Two "Book Showers" among a number of "Book Showers" came from the special efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society of Christ Church, Bethlehem, Pa. and from the Woman's Missionary Society of Reading Classis, representing the gifts of the local societies within the classis. This large number of carefully selected books helped to replenish Rev. Mr. Lahr's personal library and the working library of the church.

Fellowship in Christ

Daily Devotions

THE Easter season will bring spiritual richness into our everyday lives if we give ourselves to prayer and meditation in place of yielding to the suggestive inducements of material vanities. With the faith that there be born a World Christian Fellowship, the suggested topics for April in "Fellowship in Christ" have within themselves the vision of a better world than we have today. To have a part in bringing this World Christian Fellowship to fruition, let us earnestly pray that the Church may give guidance through the printed word, through teaching, preaching and service. As we remember what it has done,

let us give thanks. In this month we ask prayer for many laborers. We should like to give by name the men and women who stand in hard places. This we cannot do, but we ask all who are joining in this special prayer list to bear in mind the heavy hearts of our American evangelists in Japan—in Sendai, the Rev. Frank L. Fesperman; Wakamatsu, Rev. Marcus J. Engelman; Aomori, Rev. George S. Noss; Yamagata, Rev. W. Carl Nugent. The last day of April our prayer thought has at its heart Miss Minerva Weil of Yuanling (Shenchow), China, who is laboring, not at the center of hostilities, but within the danger zone.

Goodwill Day—May 18

From letters which have reached us we know that many missionary-minded children, under the direction of interested leaders, have been preparing for the annual observance of Goodwill Day. This year American children are

sending friendship suitcases to the children of Spain . . . As goodwill grows, in opposite ratio, will causes of war disappear . . . Help the children pack goodwill suitcases!

Missionary Conferences

Hood College. Frederick, Md.. July 2-8.

Ursinus College. Collegeville, Pa.. July 23-29.

Christian Citizenship

MRS. F. E. BOIGECRAIN, *Secretary*

ECHOES—CONFERENCE ON CAUSE AND CURE OF WAR

THE year 1938 is certain to be an eventful one and bids fair to become the most critical year through which the world has passed since 1914. The 13th Conference on the Cause and Cure of War stressed the imperative need for international cooperation to eliminate war and voted to concentrate its efforts during the coming year on measures to promote the active cooperation of the United States with other nations in peaceful means to deal with economic and political problems "disturbing to the peace of the world and to restore and maintain orderly processes in international relations."

Five Point Program

Measures given specific approval included:

1. More adequate appropriations for the Department of State.

2. Support of the reciprocal trade agreement program.
3. Adoption of a permanent policy of consultation with other signatory states in the event of the violation of the Pact of Paris.
4. Provision for cooperation with other nations in financial and economic measures, not including war, designed to withhold aid to a treaty-breaking nation.
5. Legislation to give effect to the present policy of the United States to withhold recognition of any situation brought about by means contrary to the Kellogg-Briand pact, through placing conditions upon or prohibiting financial transactions with the violating state.

World Police Force

Plans for an international police force were added to the organization's study program.

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

LIFE MEMBERS

EASTERN SYNOD

Lebanon Classis—Mrs. Fred. A. Gehret, 16 Philadelphia Ave., Shillington, Pa.

MID-WEST SYNOD

Iowa Classis—Mrs. Mollie McCullough, Lone Tree, Iowa.

OHIO SYNOD

Northeast Classis—Mrs. C. P. Miller, 729 S. Vine St., Orrville, Ohio.

Amelia Schoeninger, 262 E. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio.

A. Mabel Angne, 409 Brown St., Akron, Ohio.

Katherine A. Kroeger, 409 Brown St., Akron, Ohio.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Balt.-Wash. Classis—Cora A. Durst, 2218 39th Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Carlisle Classis—Gertrude Emma Pamperrien, 425 Lincoln St., Carlisle, Pa.

Juniata Classis—Miss Louise Schafer, 518 Penn St., Huntington, Pa.

Maryland Classis—Mrs. Noah Kefauver, Middleton, Md.

Mrs. Atville Conner, Walkersville, Md.

Mercersburg Classis—Miss Kate A. Sheetz, 62 Glen St., Chambersburg, Pa.

Virginia Classis—Miss L. Virginia Schmidt, Woodstock, Va.

Zion Classis—Mrs. Carey E. Lehr, R.D. No. 2, Dover, Pa.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

OHIO SYNOD

West Ohio Classis—Fredericka Wemmer, 934 W. Market St., Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. Minnie Baum, Lima, Ohio.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Virginia Classis—Mrs. Bettie Michael, Mc Gaheysville, Va.

In Memoriam

WITH the comfort of having lived in accord with Christian ideals, Miss Jennie Clever of Shippensburg, Pa., went to her eternal home, February 9th, 1938, after several months illness which followed a fall in which she sustained a broken hip and other injuries. Few women have had the privilege of longer service in the Woman's Missionary Society—in the local, the classical, the synodical and the general synodical society than had Miss Clever. To length of service Miss Clever added the efficiency which called her into the executive groups of the various missionary organizations. In the Woman's Missionary

Society of General Synod she held important posts, among which was membership on the Executive Committee. From 1896 to 1911 she was the recording secretary. For Potomac Synodical Society she was its first recording secretary. At the time of her death she was the treasurer of Mercersburg Classical. High tributes, attesting to her devoted service, have come from associates in her many life-interests, especially from the members of her home Church and Church School and the friends in missionary circles. She was one of God's "gentlewomen" in whom a generous spirit was combined with happy personality.

Along the Way

ON February 18, the 50th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Wooster, Ohio brought its message through an historical pageant in which members of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Girls' Missionary Guild and the Mission Band had appropriate roles. Mrs. F. E. Boigegrain presided. In addition to the pageant, the program included a brief address by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Youngen, the worship service led by the president, Mrs. J. R. Weimer, greetings from the Interdenominational Missionary Union and several special musical numbers. Following the program, the reception in the church lounge was well attended. In the receiving line with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Youngen and Mrs. Weimer, were seven past presidents. Greetings were received from Mrs. Emma D'Miller Losberry of Toledo, the first president.

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A golden glow hovered over the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa., on the evening of February 2. It was not only the beautiful golden flowers sent by the Girls' Missionary Guild and the heart-warming fact of the girls' interested presence, nor the golden candles, that occasioned this glow, but the happy reminiscing on the part of a number of the members of long standing. The Pastor, Rev. Calvin H. Wingert, brought the greetings of the Consistory of the Church and also his own message to the society. Greetings from the

General Synodical Society were brought by Miss Hinkle who read a letter from Mrs. F. W. Leich. A birthday cake with golden greetings was part of the fellowship hour which followed the more formal program. Mrs. John O'Neil is president of this group which was hostess to the organization meetings of both Philadelphia Classical and Eastern Synodical Societies, fifty and more years ago.

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During recent weeks, a large number of persons in various Evangelical and Reformed Churches had the high privilege of listening to the message of Francis Cho Min Wei, Ph.D., President of Central China College—our college in Central China. No one who heard him at First Church, Philadelphia, will ever forget the challenge he gave to the congregation. . . "We were not the aggressor, we did not want war. But Japan made war upon us, killing women and children. I know that Japan's Christians do not want this war. I remember that my Lord and Master said "Love your enemies." *To this end I ask the Christians of America and the world to pray that the Christians of China may carry out our Master's command.*"

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The following hymn was written by Mrs. Clarence Guenther for the program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Zion Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to mark the 50th Anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. We are indebted to Mrs. Gilbert Fell for a copy. Melody, "On our way rejoicing."

Faith of Christian women, fifty years ago,
 Helped to seed a garden for our love to grow;
 Working hard and praying, with the thought
 in mind,
 Could there be salvation brought to all man-
 kind.

Refrain:—

Fifty years united, organized for Thee,
 Workers in Thy vineyard evermore to be.

Make us missionaries, in all we do and say,
 Spreading joy and gladness all along the way;
 Share another's burden, help a friend in need,
 Days grow ever brighter doing kindly deeds.

Refrain:—

Make our work continue 'neath Thy guiding
 hand,

Spreading wide the Gospel to the distant
 lands;

In Thy loving service may we ever share

Friendship with our brother, here and every-
 where.

Your "I-Q" for This Issue

- 1—John R. Mott estimates Chinese suffer-
 ing—How?
- 2—What is known as "Buddha's Glory?"
- 3—The Home Mission Board writes of "A
 Good Investment"—What is it?
- 4—Where is \$85,000 referred to as "first
 mile?"
- 5—Fifty thousand families leave Arkansas
 in a year—Why?
- 6—What do we mean by "dust bowl?"
- 7—The Red Cross appeals for China—what
 response?
- 8—The Christian Church appeals for China
 —what response?
- 9—What was the great occasion for January
 at Miyagi College?
- 10—What two unusual "showers" are re-
 ported?

Pertinent Pointers for Presidents of Local Societies

BELIEVE it or not, I received a reply to the first question in the February "Pointers"! It was too personal to share in this public way but deeply appreciated.

Election time in local societies is over. If you have recently gone out of office be sure to hand your Plan of Work Letters, etc. to your successor. Remember how much you were thus helped? If that is not the case, remember how you wished you had been helped? Help others as you would have others help you. If you are a new President, please read the first paragraph of the Pointers in the March Outlook.

"Fellowship with God is every man's greatest need" are words upon which my eyes fell as I opened a book sent for review. Are you using the helps prepared for this purpose? The "Fellowship of Going Deeper" is a personal intimacy between you and your God.

Will I have the pleasure of greeting you at the Hood or Ursinus College Missionary Training Conferences? Coming after the General Synodical Convention there will be much about which to talk, many new things for which to plan. We therefore expect many local Presidents to enroll.

Are you varying the use of the prayer from the Calendar? Are you assisting in the development of the speaking ability of your members by tactfully insisting that "Talks Should be Talks"?

Presidents of Synodical, Classical and Local Societies should purchase a copy of "The Missionary Education of Adults". It is a basic book for leaders. Every society should own a copy. It will help as no other book can. Regardless of the fact that it is not on the Reading Course you should purchase it. 60c.

In the "Pointers" March Outlook, we referred to the "Retreat" to be held on May 29. Reserve the date. Programs will be sent in plenty of time for preparation.

"If you do your task today, you do not need to worry about it tomorrow".

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER,

Executive Secretary.

Momentum for the Meeting Materials and Methods

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APRIL! Reading Course Lists are ready. Remember to include postage for all free materials. This means Thank Offering Boxes also. For this year we are continuing to use the Gold Thank Offering Boxes toward the cost of which, you recall, we asked you to contribute 1c per box. Next Fall there will be new boxes.

For the May meeting: The May folder lists several books that have been published at special prices—"The American Flaggs" 79c and the 25th Anniversary edition of "K", \$1.00. "You Make Your Own Luck" is a delightful story of a girl who works her way through the University — \$2.00 (regular price).

The suggestions on pages 6 and 7 of "The Church and Its World Mission" should be carefully considered and one or two selected as a definite activity for the month. Further suggestions will gladly be furnished if a stamped envelope is sent to me. Dr. Kagawa's Prayer, page 8, may be fittingly used by the one who gives the "Talk" on this subject "The Mission of the Church is missions."

Extra copies of "A Prayer for Peace" may be ordered at 2c each by anyone. Distribute them widely. It is one thing each woman can do for Peace. Tuck one into every letter you write. A May Christmas Tree may become a "Peace Tree". Decorate it with suggestive and constructive toys for mothers to give to their boys and girls next Christmas and with them "pack a box" or visit a children's hospital. Send a 3c stamp to The Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1924 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for the leaflet "The New Patriotism is Peace: Building the International Mind through Toys".

May yours be a church of "high faith and wide fellowship" and may you all be loyal to and "active in its boundless work of love and service."

Each Society might well own and pass around for general information a copy of "The Church at the Heart of the World Christian Community" by Esther Boorman Strong. It presents the problems facing Christians from round the world as they meet at Madras, December 10 to 30, 1938. It sells for 25c.

For the June meeting: Copies of a Panel Discussion, "We Look at the Present Economic Order" are 7c each, 6 for 35c.

I did appreciate that card of "Thanks for arranging such an interesting February program". As this month you "lay your offering at His feet" will it be an offering or merely a collection of dues. It can be either but may it be an offering, duly dedicated!

The March *Missionary Review of the World* contains several illuminating articles, "Recent Developments in China" and "Rethinking Missions with Moslems". Ask your town or city librarian for this issue. Subscription \$2.50 per year.

Perhaps your women are not all getting the letters Dr. Taylor is sending from China. They may be interested in this latest message. "Everywhere in the central part of China the church work is going on normally except for the interruptions due to air raids, and the great number of refugees to be looked after. We do not get sentimental about these people or about the situation . . . most of us have been refugees in similar positions ourselves, at one time or another, and may be so again, so we simply take our turn in doing a common-sense Christian service, without any frills to it".

The theme at the General Synodical Convention, May 31—June 4 will be "A Worldwide Christian Fellowship". Many hands and many minds have been busy with preparations for this triennial meeting. The Local Committee has long been working out its plans. Special prayer might be made at the April and May meeting for all who will have a share in the preparations.

Societies residing in the area of the Eastern Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Christian Women in Action

WE are very happy to report a total of forty-six women who have become increasingly active in Christian service during the past several months by becoming members of a Woman's Missionary Society in the following Synods and Classes:

Pittsburgh Synod

Westmoreland Classis — Miss Gertrude Stump, 30 E. Gaskill Avenue, Jeannette, Pa.,

is President of a Society in Grace Church organized December 6, 1937 by Doris Hayes. Ten members.

Allegheny Classis—Mrs. Merle Harmon, 127 Lincoln Avenue, Butler, Pa., is President of St. Paul's Society, Butler. Organized by the Woman's Missionary Society. Ten members.

Mid-West Synod

Zion Hungarian Classis—Mrs. Lapsley C. Henley, 724 E. 91st Place, Chicago, Illinois, is President. Organized by Mrs. H. L. Ludwig, President of Chicago Classical Society. These ten women will affiliate with the Chicago Classical group.

A second group in Zion Hungarian Classis was organized in the Detroit Magyar Church. Mrs. Helen Szarzi, 8924 Thaddeus Street, is the President. Miss Elizabeth King one of our Hungarian Deaconesses organized the Society on September 24, 1937. This group hopes to fellowship with the women of Northwest Classis, Ohio, Synod.

Eastern Synod

Tohickon Classis—The report of the organization of a Junior Woman's Missionary Society on February 25, 1938 was accompanied

by a letter which states, "It is with a thrill that I am sending you the enrollment blank of our new 'Junior' Woman's Missionary Society here at St. John's Church, Coopersburg. Some of these young women are ones who, ten years ago, joined the Guild when I organized it in this church. They are interesting other young women in the work so I believe we will soon have a flourishing Junior Society. We now have every unit of a complete Missionary organization in this church." Miss Sarah Funk, Coopersburg, R.D. 1, Pa., President, is guiding the activities of the ten young women thus far enrolled.

Wyoming Classis is happy to add to its societies the one organized in Zion Church, Nanticoke, Pa., March 3, 1938. Ten charter members enrolled. Mrs. H. J. Leinbach, 40 West Main Street, Nanticoke, Pa., is the President.

So, day by day,
In faith we pray—
"Thy Kingdom come!
Thy Kingdom come!"

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Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

Letter from Lucile Hartman

Yoyang, Hunan, China
Jan. 31, 1938.

Dear G.M.G. Girls,

As you sit in Guild meeting, do you hear Spring whistling from around the corner? We've not had a snowstorm yet, just a damp cold that pierces one to the bone. What a blessing a stove is! Most people who have time hover over an open charcoal burner, toasting their toes and freezing their backs. Some of the ladies bring tiny braziers to church to keep their feet warm, cement floors in an unheated building are cold.

This school vacation has given opportunity to mingle more with these folks outside this peaceful compound. Although for eighteen hours a week Miss Li or Miss Chang has come to teach me Chinese (since the exam over the Gospels of John and Mark I've been en-

gulfed in a little volume entitled "Hygiene and Sanitation"), there has been time to go out with Miss Yang, the Bible Woman, three afternoons a week. One Saturday we had two warning signals of bombers being in the vicinity so we did not want to stray far from our dugout. Just down the street we stopped in to see two dear old Christians who keep a wee medicine shop. An herb concoction was brewing in a crock on the clay fire pan. Illness, poverty, not even disappointment could keep the music from the heart of the old man as he told of how merciful the Heavenly Father had been to them.

Then on we went to the shop of Christian enquirers next door and then to homes of two of our school girls. On another afternoon we walked to another part of town for a women's meeting. An earnest little woman

had been trotting about from house to house inviting people to come to the meeting. It gave deep joy to hear Miss Yang telling these women the new news of God's love. Oh, dear girls, the streets are crowded with interest—the open shops displaying anything from dried fowl to shoe strings, peddlers splashing water from their buckets, two men with shoulder pole bearing a heavy salt bag, a farmer balancing a basket of rice on either end of a pole as he treads with the quick step of the burden-bearer, ricksha coolies arguing price with a dainty modern miss from down river,—every aspect thrills one because it is China, but the sad weight that nearly crushes is the thought that many of these people have never really heard anyone tell them about the Saviour.

And now we are excited with the hope that Ziemer Girls School may reopen for the second term next week, February seventh. Who will be able to return from the towns some distance away? In the midst of age-long rites associated with the Chinese New Year season, have the girls with the "new song" in their hearts been faithful to Christ? We have this assurance: "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ". During vacation a group of the Yoyang girls from Ziemer School took a week's hiking trip through a country district to hold patriotic meetings. Some boys from Changsha wanted the girls to travel with them and pooh-poohed the sissified idea of having teacher-advice. But the girls decided that if the boys could be so independent so could they—of the boys. They persuaded old "Daddy Wang", whom they love for his sincerity and humor, to get his tall hat and heavily wadded gown and set out with them through the great doors of the school gate tramping toward the country.

On Sundays Miss Hoy has had her Sunday School class here in the house. Mary Deng served as chairman, each week asking several girls to take topics.

This is the first day of the New Year. lunar calendar. We cannot think ahead, the darkness confronting your Chinese friends is

heavy, but we trust that you are earnestly praying for these dear girls and that you won't forget us "foreigners". The Creator of the Universe is our Refuge.

Yours in Christ,

LUCILE HARTMAN.

At the May meeting the program will be based upon chapter six of "The Young Moslem Looks at Life". For the fellowship hour an "Oasis Party" might be arranged. Many fine and appropriate suggestions for games, stories and refreshments may be found in "Fun and Festival From Moslem Lands" by Catherine Miller Balm, price twenty-five cents.

New Guilds

Eastern Synod—Emanuel Church, Bridesburg, Philadelphia, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Victor Steinberg with 10 charter members. President, Mrs. Lewis Close, 4724 Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

St. John's Church, Lewisburg, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Wm. L. Showers with 10 charter members. President, Miss Myra Showers, Lewisburg, Pa.

St. Paul's Church, Kutztown, Pa. Organized by Mrs. Charles Herman and Mrs. Francis Renoll with 12 charter members. President, Miss Ruth Rahn, Kutztown, Pa.

Faith Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Organized by Mrs. R. H. Denzler with 13 charter members. President, Miss Miriam Mayer, 2454 79th Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ohio Synod—First Church, Toledo, O. Organized by Mrs. Alice Hall with 10 charter members. President, Miss Adelaide Claus, 4021 Lyman Rd., Toledo, Ohio.

Mission Band

At Dubbs Memorial Church, Allentown, Pa., the Junior Christian Endeavor is correlating the Mission Band work with that of the Christian Endeavor. With a membership of twenty members they have affiliated with the Mission Band department of the Woman's Missionary Society. Miss Margaret Isle is the leader.

Young People's Conference

*Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions
Riverside Church, New York City, January 9, 1938*

"Sometimes we think you are more interested in Home Missions than you are in individuals". At this statement a group of young

people's leaders, many of them representing Home Mission Boards, took notice of the eight young people who faced them with the

challenge of the changing frontiers in the home missionary enterprise.

Admitting the disappearance of geographical frontiers, this group, representing rural and urban groups, migrant and mountaineer, Indian and Negro, the Oriental student in the United States, discussed the new frontiers in terms of the sociological and psychological problems of the groups which they represented. While they recognized the need for an economic basis for life, for training that would fit them for life as it must be lived in the community, there was the constant plea for understanding, for understanding on the part of the urban youth for his search for a satisfactory life, of rural youth as he struggles

with isolation and poverty, of Negro youth as he finds himself discriminated against because of his color, of Indian youth as he faces adjustment to an environment for which he is not prepared, of the Oriental student who must make terrific social, educational and spiritual adjustments in a strange land, of the migrant who lives in an unnatural, unwholesome social environment.

Again and again we were taken forward into the personal problems of individuals and we realized that conquest of a geographical frontier was comparatively easy as compared with the solution of these problems in human happiness which are the new frontier in Home Missions.

Worship Service for the Church School

The Easter Message

Call To Worship:

Leader—Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God.

Response—And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us.

Quartette—“Sing With All the Sons of Glory” (Reformed Church Hymnal, 188).

Hymn—“The Strife is O’er” (Reformed Church Hymnal, 177) or some other suitable hymn.

Responsive Reading—selected.

Special Hymn—by a class or group of classes.

The Easter Meditation—

We sing the great Easter hymns. They have been sung for many years. Our father and mother, their father and mother sang them, just as we have today. I suspect the same emotions surged in their hearts that did for us. Yet with all this it is so easy to take the resurrection joy for granted,—something that comes once a year, when the church is filled with the fragrance of flowers and the strains of glorious music . . . and we forget that Christ died for our sins. We forget that because He rose triumphantly from the grave we too may rise triumphantly over our sins.

Someone has written a book “Crucifixion On the Street”. Its value lies in the message which reminds us that the dear Lord is daily crucified on our streets and in our homes, not only by the wicked but by us, His followers. When we fail to forgive our fellow-man, when we fail to put all sin away, when we are unjust to our neighbors we are guilty of crucifying anew our Lord and Saviour.

Prayer—

- (1) That we may become fit, through divine grace, to have abundant life.
- (2) That we may hold and cherish that which eye hath not seen—nor ear heard—that which God hath prepared for them that love Him.
- (3) That we may manifest His love, not only with our lips but with our conduct.

Leader—Men and women who have done these things have sent their messages. (OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS—this issue) Introduce the persons who are to present the following:

“The Glory of Our Mission Schools”—Illustrated by work at North Japan College. Page 109.

“God So Loved the World” (One Bandit Less). Page 99.

Closing Hymn.

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